

**REMARKS**

This is in response to the Office Action of July 31, 2009. Claims 9-12 are cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter is introduced by this Amendment. Claims 1-8 remain pending in the application.

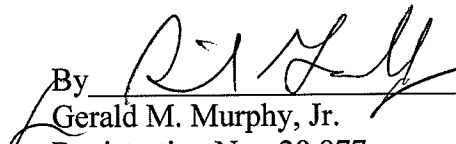
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the outstanding Office Action that claims 1-8 are allowed. The present Amendment cancels withdrawn claims 9-12, leaving only allowed claims 1-8 in the application. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions concerning the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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